



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2011

7:00 p.m.

400 SW 152nd Street, 1st Floor
Burien, Washington 98166

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McGilton called the meeting of the Burien City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McGilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Joan McGilton, Deputy Mayor Brian Bennett, Councilmembers Jack Block, Jr., Rose Clark, Lucy Krakowiak (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), Gerald F. Robison, and Gordon Shaw.

Administrative staff present: Mike Martin, City Manager; Craig Knutson, City Attorney; Steve Roemer, Interim Public Works Director; and Angela Chaufty, Acting City Clerk.

AGENDA CONFIRMATION

Direction/Action

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, and passed unanimously to affirm the agenda of September 26, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger DeLorm, 13254 2nd Ave SW

Mr. DeLorm noted that the cost overrun for the overlay project was not mentioned in the City News. He questioned how many residential streets could that have been overlaid with the additional money. He noted that the 1st Avenue South, Phase 1 project had also been over-budget. Mr. DeLorm asked for a status report on the red light cameras

Inge Martin, 115 SW 140th

Ms. Martin asked Council to recognize Recovery Night and to assist in securing a permanent location for monthly Science and Management of Addictions (SAMA) events. She gave information about SAMA to the Clerk for distribution.

Frank Couch, 13539 23rd Ave NE, Seattle
As Program Director of SAMA, Mr. Couch encouraged Council to form a Family Action Council to establish family nights and to offer safe spaces that focused on recovery to young people.

Eric Detman, 15007 24th Ave SW
Mr. Detman announced that Burien Little Theatre's 31st season begins Friday. The play, *Frankenstein*, is the first play commissioned by the theatre. It will be performed Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through October 31, 2011.

Bob Price, 10905A Glen Acres Way South
Mr. Price said that a few weeks ago, he had accused someone of taking signs. Now, he realized that the signs had been removed by someone else. Mr. Price apologized for the accusation.

Brooks Stanfield, 2459 SW 150th Street
Mr. Stanfield spoke in support of the proposed Complete Streets Ordinance. He congratulated the City on their Community Putting Prevention to Work Partnership efforts. He said the proposed ordinance would put the policy and financial components in place to implement a part of the vision adopted by Council, allow the City to compete for State grant funds, and provide flexibility.

Marianne Hudson, 110 SW 116th, #A34, Seattle
Ms. Hudson informed Council that she operates a cat rescue group. She related her friend's experience of trying to give an abandoned cat to CARES. CARES told her that there would be a mandatory in-take fee. Ms. Hudson requested that the in-take fee be a suggested rather than required fee.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE RECORD

- a. Email Dated September 2, 2011, from Karen Little Regarding Annexation and Email Response from Captain Carl Cole.
- b. Email Dated September 3, 2011, from Lee Moyer Regarding Annexation and Email Response dated September 19, 2011, from Captain Carl Cole.
- c. Email Dated September 8, 2011, from Robert Howell Regarding Annexation.
- d. Email Dated September 11, 2011 and September 14, 2011, from Pete Iverson Regarding Use of City of Burien Assets and Email Response Dated September 14, 2011 from Captain Carl Cole.
- e. Email Dated September 12, 2011, from John Poitras Regarding Annexation.
- f. Letter Dated September 12, 2011, from Debi Wagner Regarding Annexation.

- g. Letter Dated September 14, 2011, from Dwain Hogan Regarding Trees and Response. Dated September 15, 2011 from Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director Michael Lafreniere.
- h. Email Dated September 13, 2011, from Bob Edgar Regarding White Center Library.
- i. Email Dated September 13, 2011, from Chestine Edgar Regarding White Center Library.
- j. Email Dated September 14, 2011, from Chestine Edgar Regarding Annexation.
- k. Email Dated September 19, 2011, from Gretchen Erickson Regarding Annexation.
- l. Email Dated September 19, 2011, from Linda Plein Regarding Property Taxes and Valuation.
- m. Letter Dated September 19, 2011, from Bob Edgar Regarding Annexation.
- n. Letter Dated September 19, 2011, from C. Edgar Regarding Annexation.
- o. Email Dated September 19, 2011, from Helen and Wayne Maxey Regarding Annexation.
- p. Email Dated September 20, 2011, from Ed Dacy Regarding City B&O Tax.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Vouchers: Numbers 29450 - 29586 in the amounts of \$657,488.90, with voided check No. 29298.
- b. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the 2012-2014 Regional Affordable Housing Program (RAHP) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County.
- c. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with City of Normandy Park for Sylvester Bridge Contingency Funds.

Direction/Action

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Krakowiak, and passed unanimously to approve the September 26, 2011 Consent Agenda.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Discussion of Motion to Adopt Complete Streets Ordinance

Direction/Action

Place item on the October 3, 2011 Consent Agenda for possible adoption.

General Annexation Discussion with Questions and Comments from the Public

Mayor McGilton called for speakers regarding the annexation issue.

SPEAKERS

Rebecca Wells, 9842 18th Ave SW, White Center

Ms. Wells urge Council to proceed with annexation as she felt that it would be a good fit for both Burien and White Center. Area residents looked forward to the representation the area would receive.

Phillip Levine, 430 South 124th Street

Mr. Levine described his families' involvement in the Burien and White Center communities. He said that the numbers indicate that annexation would be equitable. However, the issue was about people rather than numbers as people define a community.

Rachel Levine, 430 South 124th Street

Ms. Levine said that annexing White Center would create a stronger community. She stressed the importance of people and stated that challenge and courage make a better and more diverse community.

Bob Edgar, 12674 Shorewood Drive SW

Mr. Edgar asked Council to be responsible to the current Burien residents. He questioned whether Burien would be asked to share the burden of the State's budget shortfall. Mr. Edgar asked how the City proposed to cover the affect of declining property tax revenues.

Joey Martinez, 429 South 189th Street

Mr. Martinez encouraged Council to base their decision on the big picture and to consider the City's area of responsibility, including the fire and school districts. He felt that Seattle would continue to use the area for low income housing. Mr. Martinez said that if Seattle annexed the area, the schools would remain in the Highline School District and Burien would pay for their services, but have no say in their decisions. He questioned whether residents would vote to support future levy measures.

Ed Dacy, 2016 SW 146th Street

Mr. Dacy said that during his campaign, no one had mentioned annexation to him without being prompted to do so. Neighborhood issues were more important. Mr. Dacy asked whether the State money could be used for capital improvement projects. He recommended that the City study whether fire services should be taken in-house. Regarding the comment process, Mr. Dacy suggested that Council not take comments from individuals who had spoken more than three times previously during the process.

Mark Ufkes, 10735 22nd Ave SW

Mr. Ufkes stated that White Center deserves the best service it can get. He said that Seattle has proposed higher police and fire per capita levels, a police gang unit, a Medic 1 unit, more community centers per capita, and knowledge to address a homeless, chronic alcoholic program.

John Poitras, 1248 SW 148th Street

From a humanitarian standpoint, Mr. Poitras said that he had no problem with the White Center annexation. However, in these times, he felt the numbers should be looked at closely. Mr. Poitras said that Seattle does not appear to have any interest in annexing the area at this time. He encouraged Council to take the time to be certain that annexation is a good idea. Mr. Poitras reported that a senator had told him that the tax credits for annexation were not written in stone and could be reduced. He asked for additional information regarding this issue.

James Greive, 444 SW 122nd Street

Mr. Greive stated that he was excited to annex White Center. He said he was pleased to find that annexation was financially feasible. Mr. Greive said that Burien would be a better steward of White Center than Seattle would be. He encouraged Council to support the annexation.

Suzanne Greive, 444 SW 122nd Street

Ms. Greives voiced her support for the annexation and stated her confidence in the Council and Finance Manager to make the right decision. She said that Seattle would further concentrate poverty in the White Center area.

Sandy Hopp, 12620 9th Avenue South

Ms. Hopp voiced support for the annexation. She agreed that annexation was about people and said that it would pull the area together as a community.

Chestine Edgar, 1811 SW 152nd Street

Rather than tracking staffing needs by FTE, Ms. Edgar asked that the staff expenditure be a portion of each employee salary. She requested that the Berk report in 2007 be made available to the public. Ms. Edgar said that without the sales tax credit, the annexation would cost \$2.5 million per year. She believed the Human Services and Fire projections were incorrect. If annexation occurred, she felt that only half of the city could afford to run the City. Ms. Edgar questioned how the City would address existing marijuana lounges in the area.

Bob Price, 10905A Glen Acres Way South

Mr. Price said that information from Fire Districts 2 and 11 did not match the City's projections.

Gil Loring, 10009 20th Ave SW

Mr. Loring stated that the residents who asked to be annexed by Seattle are not the same people who came to Burien and asked to be annexed. Mr. Loring noted that

water was not readily available at the Arbor Heights fire. He said that there was a mutual aid agreement between Seattle Fire Department and Fire District 11.

Bob Edgar, 12674 Shorewood Drive SW

Regarding property taxes, Mr. Edgar asked what the impact would be if recovery takes longer than projected and if that possibility had been considered in the analysis. If the sales tax credit's availability was not the reason to proceed with annexation, he requested that the true reason be stated. Otherwise, he encouraged Council to postpone the decision for a few years.

Phillip Levine, 430 South 124th Street

Mr. Levine asked why the Berk personnel were so incompetent and questioned the duplicity of the managers with the numbers.

Ed Dacy, 2016 SW 146th Street

Mr. Dacy stated that there was more retail in the White Center area than was in Area X. He said that annexation would produce more diversified sources of money.

Rachel Levine, 430 SW 146th Street

Ms. Levine said that she did not feel that waiting to take action on the annexation would be advantageous to White Center or Burien. She wanted to see the City do more outreach to the North Highline area. Ms. Levine said that the people in the first annexation area feel that they can talk to their elected officials.

The Mayor closed the public comment period.

Direction/Action

Motion was made by Councilmember Robison and seconded by Councilmember Shaw to direct the City Manager to prepare a draft resolution of intent to annex for City Council consideration for possible action at the next meeting. Motion passed, 4 – 3, with Deputy Mayor Bennett and Councilmembers Block and Krakowiak opposed.

Follow-up

Staff will provide additional information to Council regarding:

- Evaluation of human services figures provided by King County and Burien versus those presented by Seattle.
- List of capital improvement projects from neighboring jurisdictions.
- Regarding sales tax credit, provide the following information:
 - Where does revenue come from?
 - What number are we using?
 - How is it multiplied out?
 - How will the money be spent?

- Can money be used for capital projects?
- Evaluation of the reliability of the tax credit money.
- Status of marijuana and adult use businesses in area should annexation occur.
- Identification of annexation process.
- Presentation concerning exempt property tax.
 - Can the City require King County Housing Authority to pay mitigation fees?
 - Was the Seola property (formerly Park Lake Homes II) overlooked in the study?

City Business

Follow-up

Provide additional information regarding Initiative Measure No. 1183. Possible sources: AWC, Suburban Cities Association, City of Auburn.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Follow-up

- Investigate why Burien Library only allows room reservations one-month in advance of event.
- Consider Parks Department working with the Library and other groups to coordinate meeting space scheduling.
- Schedule discussion regarding process for requested letters of support.
- Review proposed agenda schedule at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Krakowiak, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

/s/ Joan McGilton, Mayor

/s/ Angela M. Chaufty, Acting City Clerk